Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1. (Original): A compound of the formula

in which:

- R₁ is hydrogen;
- R₂ is the methyl group;
- or R₁ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃- or -(CH₂)₄-;
- Ar₁ is a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, a trifluoromethyl and a methylenedioxy, said substituents being identical or different; a thienyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom; a benzothienyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom; a naphthyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom; an indolyl which is unsubstituted or N-substituted by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl or a benzyl; an imidazolyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom; a pyridyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom; or a biphenyl;
- T is a group -CH₂-; a group -CO-; or a group -CONR₃- in which R₃ is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_4) alkyl;
- A is a direct bond; a group -(CH₂), in which t is one, two or three; or a vinylene group;
- or -T-A- is the group -SO₂-;
- Z is an optionally substituted, mono-, di- or tri-cyclic aromatic or heteroaromatic group; and
- B is:
 - i either a group B₁ of the formula



in which J_1 is:

which
$$J_1$$
 is:

- i_1 - either a group Ar_2 - $(CH_2)_x$ - C
 X_1

in which:

- x is zero or one;

- Ar₂ is a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a nitro, a hydroxyl, a trifluoromethyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy and a methylenedioxy, said substituents being identical or different; a pyridyl; a thienyl; a pyrimidyl; or an imidazolyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; and
- X₁ is a group selected from:
 - (1) hydrogen;
 - (2) (C_1-C_7) alkyl;
 - (3) formyl;
 - (4) (C₁-C₇)alkylcarbonyl;
 - $(5) (CH_2)_m OR_4;$
 - (6) $-(CH_2)_m$ -OCOR₅;
 - (7) -(CH₂)_m-OCONH-<math>(C₁-C₇)alkyl;
 - (8) -O-CH₂CH₂-OR₆;
 - $(9) (CH_2)_n SR_7;$
 - (10) $-CH_2-S(O)_i-(C_1-C_7)$ alkyl;
 - $(11) -NR_8R_9$;
 - $(12) (CH_2)_p NR_{10}R_{11};$
 - $(13) NR_{12}COR_{13};$
 - (14) -NR₁₄COCOR₁₅;
 - $(15) (CH_2)_p NR_{14}C(=W_1)R_{16};$
 - $(16) (CH_2)_m NR_{14}COOR_{17};$
 - $(17) (CH_2)_m NR_{14}SO_2R_{18};$
 - $(18) (CH_2)_m NR_{14}C(=W_1)NR_{19}R_{20};$
 - (19) -(CH_2)_n- $COOR_{21}$;
 - $(20) (CH_2)_n C(=W_1)NR_{19}R_{20};$
 - (21) -CO-NR₂₂-NR₂₃R₂₄;
 - (22) -CN;

or X_1 forms a double bond between the carbon atom to which it is bonded and the adjacent carbon atom of the piperidine ring; in which groups:

- m is zero, one or two;

- n is zero or one;
- p is one or two;
- j is one or two;
- W₁ is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;
- R₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- R_5 is a hydrogen; a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; or a pyridyl;
- R_6 is a hydrogen; a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; a formyl; or a (C_1-C_7) alkylcarbonyl;
- R₇ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- R₈ and R₉ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; R₉ can also be a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkylmethyl, a benzyl or a phenyl;
- or R₈ and R₉, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, perhydroazepine and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- R_{10} and R_{11} are each independently a hydrogen or a (C_1 - C_7)alkyl; R_{11} can also be a (C_3 - C_7)cycloalkylmethyl or a benzyl;
- R₁₂ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- R₁₃ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; a benzyl; a vinyl; a pyridyl; a furyl; a thienyl; a pyrrolyl; or an imidazolyl;
- or R₁₂ and R₁₃ together are a group -(CH₂)_u-, in which u is three or four;
- R_{14} is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl;
- R_{15} is a (C_1-C_4) alkoxy;
- R₁₆ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; a benzyl; a vinyl; a pyridyl; a furyl; a thienyl; a pyrrolyl; or an imidazolyl;
- R₁₇ is a (C₁-C₇)alkyl or a phenyl;
- R₁₈ is a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; an amino which is free or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls; or a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₇)alkyl, a trifluoromethyl, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkoxy, a carboxyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkoxycarbonyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkylcarbonyloxy, a cyano, a nitro and an amino which is free or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls, said substituents being identical or different;
- R_{19} and R_{20} are each independently a hydrogen or a $(C_1$ - $C_7)$ alkyl; R_{20} can also be a $(C_3$ - $C_7)$ cycloalkyl; a $(C_3$ - $C_7)$ cycloalkylmethyl; a hydroxyl; a $(C_1$ - $C_4)$ alkoxy; a benzyl; a phenyl; or a $(C_1$ - $C_7)$ alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl, a $(C_1$ - $C_3)$ alkoxy, a phenyl, a carboxyl, a $(C_1$ - $C_3)$ alkoxycarbonyl or a carbamoyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two $(C_1$ - $C_7)$ alkyls;

- or R₁₉ and R₂₀, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, perhydroazepine and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- R₂₁ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- R₂₂ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- R₂₃ and R₂₄ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- R₂₅ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; and
- R_{26} and R_{27} are each independently a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; R_{27} can also be a formyl or a (C_1-C_7) alkylcarbonyl;

$$-i_2$$
 - or a group Ar₂-CH=C

in which Ar₂ is as defined above;

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$$i_3$$
- or a group Ar_2 -C-CH- $||\ |$ O

in which Ar₂ is as defined above;

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in which:

- Ar₂ is as defined above;
- Am, is an amino group substituted by two (C1-C4)alkyls; and
- r is two or three;

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$$i_6$$
- or a group Ar_2 - W_2 -CH-

- Ar₂ is as defined above;
- W₂ is an oxygen atom; a sulfur atom; a sulfinyl; a sulfonyl; or a group -NL₁-;
- L₁ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; a (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl; or a group -(CH₂)_v-Am₂;
- v is one, two or three; and
- Am₂ is an amino group which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; Am₂ can also be a pyrrolidino, piperidino or morpholino group;
 - ii or a group B2 of the formula

$$J_2$$
 $N-$

in which J₂ is:

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$$ii_5$$
- or a group Ar_2 -C-N
N-O-(CH₂)_r-Am₁

in which:

- Ar₂ is as defined above;
- r is two or three; and
- Am, is as defined above;
 - iii or a group B₃ of the formula

in which J₃ is:

$$R_{28} \\ W_{3} \\ | | ^{3} |$$
 - a group : R_{29} -C-N-CH

- W_3 is an oxygen atom; a sulfur atom; or a group NR_{30} , in which R_{30} is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl;
- R₂₈ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl; a (C₃-C₆)alkenyl in which one vinylic carbon atom is not bonded to the nitrogen atom; a 2-hydroxyethyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl; a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, a nitro, an amino and a hydroxyl, said substituents being identical or different; or a 6-membered heteroaryl containing one or two nitrogen atoms as heteroatoms, said heteroaryl being unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, a nitro, an amino and a hydroxyl, said substituents being identical or different;

- R₂₉ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a hydroxyl and/or by one, two or three fluorine atoms; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl; a (C₁-C₅)alkoxy (only when W₃ is an oxygen atom); or a group -NR₃₁R₃₂ containing from zero to seven carbon atoms, R₂₉ being other than an unsubstituted (C₁-C₄)alkyl when simultaneously W₃ is an oxygen and R₂₈ is a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a nitro, a hydroxyl, a trifluoromethyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl and a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, said substituents being identical or different; a pyridyl; or a pyrimidyl;
- or R₂₈ and R₂₉ together form a divalent hydrocarbon group L₂, in which the 1-position is bonded to the carbon atom carrying the substituent W₃, the divalent hydrocarbon group L₂ being selected from a trimethylene, a cis-propenylene, a tetramethylene, a cis-butenylene, a cis-butadienylene, a pentamethylene and a cis-pentenylene, said divalent hydrocarbon group L₂ being unsubstituted or substituted by one or two methyls; and
- R₃₁ and R₃₂ are each independently a hydrogen, a (C₁-C₅)alkyl or a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl; or R₃₁ and R₃₂, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine (or its Soxide) and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
 - iv or a group B₄ of the formula

$$W_4$$
 N_{-}

- W₄ is a (C₁-C₈)alkyl or a (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, said alkyl and cycloalkyl groups being unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from a halogen atom; a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl; a cyano; a nitro; a hydroxyl; a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy; a formyloxy; a (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyloxy; an arylcarbonyl; a heteroarylcarbonyl; an oxo; an imino which is unsubstituted or substituted on the nitrogen atom by a (C₁-C₆)alkyl, a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl, a formyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl or an arylcarbonyl; a hydroxyimino which is unsubstituted or substituted on the oxygen atom by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl or a phenyl; a group NR₃₃R₃₄ containing from zero to seven carbon atoms; a group -NR₃₅R₃₆; a group C(=NR₃₇)NR₃₆R₃₉, in which the group -NR₃₈R₃₉ contains from zero to seven carbon atoms; and a group -CON(OR₄₀)R₄₁, said substituents being identical or different;
- R₃₃ and R₃₄ are each independently a hydrogen, a (C₁-C₅)alkyl or a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl; or R₃₃ and R₃₄, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine (or its Soxide) and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- R₃₅ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;

- R₃₆ is a formyl; a (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl; an arylcarbonyl; a heteroarylcarbonyl; or a group -C(=W₅)NR₃₈R₃₉, in which the group -NR₃₈R₃₉ contains from zero to seven carbon atoms;
- W₅ is an oxygen atom; a sulfur atom; a group NR₃₇; or a group CHR₄₂;
- R₃₇ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; or R₃₇ and R₃₉ together form an ethylene group or a trimethylene group;
- R₃₈ and R₃₉ are each independently a hydrogen, a (C₁-C₅)alkyl or a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl; or R₃₈ and R₃₉, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine (or its Soxide) and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; or R₃₈ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl and R₃₉ and R₃₇ together form an ethylene group or a trimethylene group;
- R₄₀ and R₄₁ are each independently a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
- R₄₂ is a cyano; a nitro; or a group SO₂R₄₃;
- R₄₃ is a (C₁-C₄)alkyl or a phenyl;

and when W_4 is a cyclic group or when a substituent of W_4 is a cyclic group or contains a cyclic group, said cyclic groups can also be substituted on a carbon atom by one or more (C_1-C_3) alkyls; and when a substituent of W_4 contains an aryl group or a heteroaryl group, said aryl or heteroaryl groups can also be monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C_1-C_4) alkyl, a (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, a cyano, a trifluoromethyl and a nitro, said substituents being identical or different;

- v - or a group B₅ of the formula

- W_6 and W_7 are each a hydrogen; or W_6 is a hydrogen and W_7 is a hydroxyl;
- W₈ is an aryl or a heteroaryl which are unsubstituted or substituted by an aryl, an arylcarbonyl, a heteroaryl or a heteroarylcarbonyl; said aryl or heteroaryl groups can also be monosubstituted or polysubstituted on the aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety and on a carbon atom by a substituent selected from a halogen atom; a cyano; a trifluoromethyl; a nitro; a hydroxyl; a (C₁-C₅)alkoxy; a formyloxy; a (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyloxy; a group -NR₃₃R₃₄ containing from zero to seven carbon atoms; a group -NR₃₅R₃₆; a group -C(=NR₃₇)NR₃₈R₃₉, in which the group -NR₃₈R₃₉ contains from zero to seven carbon atoms; a group
 - -COOR₄₄; a group -CONR₄₅R₄₆, in which the group NR₄₅R₄₆ contains from zero to seven carbon atoms; a mercapto; a group -S(O)₅R₄₇; a (C₁-C₅)alkyl; a formyl; and a (C₁-C₄)alkylcarbonyl, said substituents being identical or different; when W₆ and W₇ are

each a hydrogen, W_8 is other than a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a nitro, a hydroxyl, a trifluoromethyl and a (C_1-C_4) alkoxy, said substituents being identical or different; a pyridyl; a thienyl; a pyrimidyl; or an imidazolyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a (C_1-C_4) alkyl;

- or W₁ is a hydrogen and W₆ and W₈, together with a diradical W₉ and the piperidine carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a spiro ring in which W₈ is a phenyl substituted in the *ortho* position by a diradical W₉, which is itself joined to W₆, said phenyl being unsubstituted or substituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₃)alkyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkoxy, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkylthio, a (C₁-C₃)alkylsulfinyl and a (C₁-C₃)alkylsulfonyl; the diradical W₉ is a methylene, a carbonyl or a sulfonyl; and W₆ is an oxygen atom or a group -NR₄₈-, in which R₄₈ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
- R_{33} , R_{34} , R_{35} , R_{36} , R_{37} , R_{38} and R_{39} are as defined above for the group B_4 ;
- R₄₄ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₅)alkyl; an aryl; a heteroaryl; an arylmethyl; or a heteroarylmethyl;
- R₄₅ and R₄₆ are each independently a hydrogen, a (C₁-C₅)alkyl or a (C₃-C₆)cycloalkyl; or R₄₅ and R₄₆, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine (or its Soxide) and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- s is zero, one or two;
- R_{47} is a (C_1-C_6) alkyl; a (C_3-C_6) cycloalkyl; an aryl; or a heteroaryl;

and when W_8 or a substituent of W_8 contains a cyclic group, said cyclic group can also be substituted by one or more methyls; and when a heteroaryl group forming part of W_8 or of a substituent of W_8 contains a nitrogen atom as the heteroatom, said nitrogen atom can also be substituted by a (C_1-C_5) alkyl; and when W_8 or a substituent of W_8 contains a (C_1-C_5) alkyl, (C_1-C_5) alkoxy, formyl or (C_1-C_4) alkylcarbonyl group, said (C_1-C_5) alkyl, (C_1-C_5) alkoxy, formyl or (C_1-C_4) alkylcarbonyl groups can also be substituted by a hydroxyl, a (C_1-C_3) alkoxy or one or more halogen atoms, with the proviso that a carbon atom bonded to a nitrogen atom or to an oxygen atom is not substituted by a hydroxyl or an alkoxy group, and with the proviso that a carbon atom in the α -position of a (C_1-C_4) alkylcarbonyl group is not substituted by a chlorine, bromine or iodine atom;

- vi - or a group B₆ of the formula



in which J₄ is:

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$$vi_1$$
 - either a group C

- W₁₀ is a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted to trisubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, a (C₁-C₆)alkyl and a trifluoromethyl, said substituents being identical or different; a benzyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted to trisubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, a (C₁-C₆)alkyl and a trifluoromethyl, said substituents being identical or different; a naphthyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted to trisubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, a (C₁-C₆)alkyl and a trifluoromethyl, said substituents being identical or different; a pyridyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₆)alkyl and a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, said substituents being identical or different; a thienyl; a pyrimidyl; or an imidazolyl; and
- W₁₁ is a group -CONHR₄₉;
 - R₄₉ is a group CH₃-CHOH-CH-COO-(C₁-C₆) alkyl;
 a group (C₁-C₆)alkyl-OCO-CH₂-CH₂-CH-COO-(C₁-C₆) alkyl;
 a group -CH₂CH₂N(CH₃)₂;

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$$vi_2$$
 - or a group :
$$R_{50}$$
- vi_3 - or a group :
$$R_{50}$$
- vi_4 - or a group :
$$R_{50}$$

$$R_{50}$$
- vi_4 - or a group :
$$R_{50}$$

$$R_{50}$$
- vi_4 - or a group :
$$R_{50}$$

- R₅₀ is a hydrogen, a (C₁-C₆)alkyl or a benzyl; and
- R₅₁ is from one to three substituents selected from a hydrogen, a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl, a (C₁-C₆)alkyl and a (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, said substituents being identical or different;
 - vii or a group B₇ of the formula

- f and g are each independently zero, one, two, three, four or five, with the proviso that f + g is equal to one, two, three, four or five;
- W₁₂ is a direct bond; a (C₁-C₃)alkylene which is unsubstituted or substituted by an oxo, a group OR₅₂, a halogen, a trifluoromethyl or a phenyl which is itself unsubstituted or mono-, di- or tri-substituted by a substituent selected from a hydroxyl, a cyano, a halogen and a trifluoromethyl; a group -S(O)_k-; a group (C₁-C₃)alkylene-S(O)_k-; a group -S(O)_k-NH-; a group -S(O)_j-NR₅₂-; a group -S(O)_j-NR₅₂-;

 (C_1-C_2) alkylene; a group -CONR₅₂-; a group -CONR₅₂- (C_1-C_2) alkylene; a group -COO-; or a group -COO- (C_1-C_2) alkylene;

- W_{13} is a group -NR₅₃-; an oxygen atom; a sulfur atom; a sulfinyl; or a sulfonyl, with the proviso that when W_{12} is a direct bond and when W_{14} is a (C_1-C_3) alkylene, W_{13} is a group -NR₅₃-;
- W₁₄ is a direct bond; a (C₁-C₃)alkylene which is unsubstituted or substituted by an oxo, a group OR₅₂, a halogen, a trifluoromethyl or a phenyl which is itself unsubstituted or mono-, di- or tri-substituted by a substituent selected from a group OR₅₂, a halogen and a trifluoromethyl; a group -S(O)_k-; a group (C₁-C₃)alkylene-S(O)_k-; a group -S(O)_k-(C₁-C₂)alkylene; a group -NHS(O)_j-; a group -NH-(C₁-C₂)alkylene-S(O)_j-; a group -S(O)_jNR₅₂-; a group -S(O)_j-NR₅₂-(C₁-C₂)alkylene; a group -NHCO-(C₁-C₂)alkylene; a group -NR₅₂-CO-; a group -NR₅₂-(C₁-C₂)alkylene-CO-; a group -OCO-; or a group (C₁-C₂)alkylene-OCO-;
- W₁₅-W₁₆ together form two adjacent atoms of a cyclic radical of the formula

said cyclic radical being a phenyl, a naphthyl or a heteroaryl group selected from a benzimidazolyl, a benzofuranyl, a benzoxazolyl, a furanyl, an imidazolyl, an indolyl, an isoxazolyl, an isothiazolyl, an oxadiazolyl, an oxazolyl, a pyrazinyl, a pyrazolyl, a pyridyl, a pyrimidyl, a pyrrolyl, a quinolyl, a tetrazolyl, a thiadiazolyl, a thiadiazolyl, a thiadiazolyl, and said phenyl, naphthyl or heteroaryl cyclic radical being unsubstituted or mono-, di- or tri-substituted by R₅₄;

- k is zero, one or two;
- j is one or two;
- R₅₂ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by a substituent selected independently from a hydroxyl, an oxo, a cyano, a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl and a phenyl which is itself unsubstituted or substituted by a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkyl, a cyano, a halogen, a trifluoromethyl or a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy; a phenyl, a pyridyl or a thiophene, said phenyl, pyridyl or thiophene being unsubstituted or mono-, di- or tri-substituted by a substituent selected independently from a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, a cyano, a halogen atom and a trifluoromethyl; or a (C₁-C₃)alkoxy;
- R₅₃ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₈)alkyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a group -OR₅₂, an oxo, a group -NHCOR₅₂, a group -NR₅₅R₅₆, a cyano, a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl and a phenyl which is itself unsubstituted or substituted by a hydroxyl, a cyano, a halogen atom or a trifluoromethyl; a group -S(O)R₅₇; a group -CO₂R₅₇; a group -SO₂R₅₇; a group -COR₅₇; or a group -CONR₅₆R₅₇;

- R₅₄ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by a hydrogen or a hydroxyl; an oxo; a group -OR₅₂; a halogen atom; a trifluoromethyl; a nitro; a cyano; a group -NR₅₅R₅₆; a group
 - -NR₅₅COR₅₆; a group -NR₅₅CO₂R₅₆; a group -NHS(O)_iR₅₂; a group
- -NR₅₅S(O)_jR₅₆; a group -CONR₅₅R₅₆; a group -COR₅₂; a group -CO₂R₅₂; a group -S(O)_jR₅₂; or a heteroaryl group, said heteroaryl being selected from a benzimidazolyl, a benzofuranyl, a benzoxazolyl, a furanyl, an imidazolyl, an indolyl, an isoxazolyl, an isothiazolyl, an oxadiazolyl, an oxazolyl, a pyrazinyl, a pyrazolyl, a pyrimidinyl, a pyrrolyl, a quinolyl, a tetrazolyl, a thiadiazolyl, a thiazolyl, a thienyl and a triazolyl, and said heteroaryl being unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by R_{58} ;
- R₅₅ is R₅₂;
- R₅₆ is R₅₂;
- or R₅₅ and R₅₆, together with the atoms to which they are bonded, form a five-, six- or seven-membered, saturated monocyclic heterocycle containing one or two heteroatoms, said heteroatoms being selected independently from a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom, said heterocycle being unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by a substituent selected from a hydroxyl, an oxo, a cyano, a halogen atom and a trifluoromethyl;
- R₅₇ is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl which is unsubstituted or mono-, di- or tri-substituted by a substituent selected from a hydroxyl, an oxo, a cyano, a group -OR₅₂, a group -NR₅₅R₅₆, a group -NR₅₅COR₅₆, a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl and a phenyl which is itself unsubstituted or mono-, di- or tri-substituted by a substituent selected from a hydroxyl, an oxo, a cyano, a group -NHR₅₂, a group -NR₅₅R₅₆, a group -NR₅₅COR₅₆, a halogen atom, a trifluoromethyl and a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
- R₅₈ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by a hydrogen or a hydroxyl; an oxo; a group -OR₅₂; a trifluoromethyl; a nitro; a cyano; a group -NR₅₅R₅₆; a group -NR₅₅CO₂R₅₆; a group -NR₅₅CO₂R₅₆; a group -NHS(O)_jR₅₂; a group -NR₅₅S(O)_jR₅₆; a group -CONR₅₅R₅₆; a group -COR₅₂; a group -CO₂R₅₂; a group -S(O)_jR₅₂; or a phenyl,

and the group B₇ being other than the group B₅ when W₇ is a hydrogen and W₆ and W₈, together with a diradical W₉ and the piperidine carbon atom to which they are bonded, form a spiro ring;

- viii - or a group B₈ of the formula

$$W_{17}$$
 N_{19}
 N_{20}
 N_{19}

in which:

- W₁₇ is a direct bond; a double bond; or a divalent hydrocarbon radical;

- W₁₈ is a radical which is joined to the carbon atom of the heterocycle either by a single bond when W₁₇ is a double bond, or by a double bond in the other cases;
- W₁₉ is an unsubstituted or optionally substituted heteroatom;
- W₂₀ is a hydrocarbon radical of which the 1-position is joined to W₁₉; and
- the meanings of W₁₇, W₁₈, W₁₉ and W₂₀ are selected from:
- (a) W_{17} is a direct bond; W_{18} is an oxo or thioxo group; W_{19} is an oxy or thio group or a group NR_{59} ; and W_{20} is a hydrocarbon radical L_3 ; or
- (b) W_{17} is a direct bond; W_{18} is a group NR_{60} ; W_{19} is a group NR_{61} ; and W_{20} is a hydrocarbon radical L_3 ; or
- (c) W_{17} is a double bond; W_{18} is a group OR_{61} , SR_{61} or $NR_{62}R_{63}$; W_{19} is a nitrogen atom; and W_{20} is a hydrocarbon radical L_3 ; or
- (d) W_{17} is a methylene which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two methyl groups; W_{18} is an oxo or thioxo group or a group NR_{64} ; W_{19} is an oxy, thio, sulfinyl or sulfonyl group or a group NR_{61} ; and W_{20} is a hydrocarbon radical L_4 ; or
- (e) W_{17} is a direct bond; W_{18} is an oxo or thioxo group or a group NR_{64} ; W_{19} is a nitrogen atom; and W_{20} is a hydrocarbon radical L_5 ; or
- (f) W_{17} is a methine group which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two methyl groups; W_{18} is an oxo or thioxo group or a group NR_{64} ; W_{19} is a nitrogen atom; and W_{20} is a hydrocarbon radical L_6 ; and
- (g) W_{17} is a cis-vinylene group which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two methyl groups; W_{18} is an oxo or thioxo group or a group NR_{64} ; W_{19} is a nitrogen atom; and W_{20} is a hydrocarbon radical L_7 ;
- R₅₉ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₃)alkyl; a group -CH₂COOR₆₆; or a group -CH₂CONR₆₆R₆₇;
- R₆₀ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₃)alkyl; a cyano; a nitro; or a (C₁-C₃)alkylsulfonyl group;
- R₆₁ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
- R₆₂ and R₆₃ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
- or R₆₂ and R₆₃, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine (or its Soxide) and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- R₆₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
- R₆₅ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
- R₆₆ and R₆₇ are each independently a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₃)alkyl; a phenyl; or a benzyl;
- L₃ is an ethylene, a cis-vinylene, a trimethylene or a tetramethylene, said hydrocarbon radical L₃ being unsubstituted or substituted by one or two methyl groups;
- L₄ is an ethylene or a trimethylene, said hydrocarbon radical L₄ being unsubstituted or substituted by one or two methyl groups;
- L₅ is a prop-2-en-1-yliden-3-yl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two methyl groups;

- L₆ is a cis-vinylene which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two methyl groups; and
- L₇ is a methine which is unsubstituted or substituted by a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
 - ix or a group B₉ of the formula

in which J, is:

- a group

$$W_{21}$$
 $N-C$ X_{23} X_{24}

in which:

- X_2 is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl; a group -CH₂-OR₆₈; a group -CH₂-SR₆₈; a group -CH₂-S(O)R₆₉; a group -CH₂-SO₂R₆₉; a group -COOR₆₈; a group -C(=W₂₄)NR₇₀R₇₁; a group -C(R₆₈)(OR₇₂)(OR₇₃); a group

-CH₂NR₆₈C(=W₂₄)R₇₄; a group -CH₂-NR₆₈COOR₇₄; or a group

 $-CH_2NR_{68}C(=W_{24})NR_{70}R_{71};$

- W₂₁ is a direct bond and W₂₂ is a hydrocarbon radical of which the 1-position is joined to W₂₁, the hydrocarbon radical W₂₂ being selected from a trimethylene, a tetramethylene, a cis-1-butenylene and a cis,cis-butadienylene;

- or W₂₁ is a group NR₇₅ and W₂₂ is a hydrocarbon radical selected from an ethylene, a trimethylene and a cis-vinylene;

- or W₂₁ is a nitrogen atom and W₂₂ is a cis,cis-prop-2-en-1-yliden-3-yl radical of which the 1-position is joined to W₂₁;

- W₂₃ is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

- W₂₄ is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;

- R₆₈ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

- R_{69} is a (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

R₇₀ and R₇₁ are each independently a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₆)alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a hydroxyl or a (C₁-C₃)alkoxy; an ω-HO-(C₁-C₆)alkyl; an ω-(C₁-C₃)alkoxy-(C₁-C₆)alkyl; an ω-phenyl-(C₁-C₆)alkyl; an ω-R₇₆OOC-(C₁-C₆)alkyl; or an ω-R₇₇R₇₈NCO-(C₁-C₆)alkyl;

- or R₇₀ and R₇₁, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine (or its Soxide) and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a methyl group or an ethyl group;

- R₇₂ and R₇₃ are each independently a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;

- or R₇₂ and R₇₃ together form a divalent hydrocarbon radical selected from an ethylene and a trimethylene;
- R₇₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;
- R₇₅ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;
- R₇₆ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl; and
- R₇₇ and R₇₈ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;
 - x or a group B₁₀ of the formula

in which J_6 is:

- a group W₂₅-C X₁

in which:

- X_1 is as defined above for the group B_1 , X_1 being other than hydrogen when W_{25} is a (C_1-C_7) alkyl or a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkyl;
- W_{25} is a (C_1-C_7) alkyl or a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkyl; W_{25} can also be a group -NR₇₉R₈₀ when X_1 is a hydrogen, a cyano, a carboxyl, a (C_1-C_7) alkoxycarbonyl or a group -CONR₁₉R₂₀; and
- R₇₉ and R₈₀ are each independently a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- or R₇₉ and R₈₀, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine and perhydroazepine,

with the proviso that:

1/ when simultaneously:

- R_2 is a methyl group or R_1 and R_2 together form a group -(CH_2)₃-;
- Ar₁ is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- T is a group -CH₂-; a group -CO-; a group -COO-; or a group -CONR₃;
- A is a direct bond; a group -(CH₂),- in which t is one, two or three; or a vinylene group;
- or -T-A- is the group -SO₂-; and
- Z is a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a halogen, a (C_1-C_4) alkyl, a (C_1-C_4) alkoxy or a nitro,

B is a group B, of the formula

$$J_1 N -$$

in which J₁ is a group

- x is zero;
- Ar₂ is a pyrid-2-yl or a phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen, a methyl or a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy; and
- X₁ is other than a group selected from: formyl;
 - (C₁-C₆)alkylcarbonyl;
 - -(CH₂)_m-OR₄ in which m is zero or one and R₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
 - -(CH₂)_m-OCOR₅ in which m is zero or one and R₅ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;
 - -(CH₂)_m-OCONH(C₁-C₇)alkyl in which m is one;
 - -NR₈R₉ in which R₈ and R₉ are each independently a hydrogen or a $(C_1$ - C_7)alkyl; R₉ can also be a $(C_3$ - C_7)cycloalkylmethyl, a benzyl or a phenyl; or R₈ and R₉, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine and perhydroazepine;
 - $-(CH_2)_p-NR_{10}R_{11}$ in which p is one and R_{10} and R_{11} are each independently a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; R_{11} can also be a (C_1-C_7) cycloalkylmethyl or a benzyl;
 - -NR₁₂COR₁₃ in which R₁₂ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl and R₁₃ is a hydrogen, a (C₁-C₇)alkyl, a phenyl, a benzyl, a pyridyl or a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; or R₁₂ and R₁₃ together are a group -(\overline{CH}_2)_u- in which u is three or four;
 - - $(CH_2)_p$ -NR₁₄C(=W₁)R₁₆ in which p is one, W₁ is an oxygen atom, R₁₄ is a hydrogen or a $(C_1$ -C₄)alkyl and R₁₆ is a hydrogen, a $(C_1$ -C₇)alkyl, a phenyl, a benzyl, a pyridyl or a $(C_3$ -C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls;
 - - $(CH_2)_m$ - $NR_{14}COOR_{17}$ in which m is zero or one, R_{14} is a hydrogen or a $(C_1$ - C_4)alkyl and R_{17} is a $(C_1$ - C_7)alkyl or a phenyl;
 - - $(CH_2)_m$ -NR₁₄SO₂R₁₈ in which m is zero or one, R₁₄ is a hydrogen or a $(C_1$ -C₄)alkyl and R₁₈ is a $(C_1$ -C₇)alkyl, an amino which is free or substituted by one or two $(C_1$ -C₇)alkyls, or a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a $(C_1$ -C₇)alkyl, a trifluoromethyl, a hydroxyl, a $(C_1$ -C₇)alkoxy, a carboxyl, a $(C_1$ -C₇)alkoxycarbonyl, a $(C_1$ -C₇)alkylcarbonyloxy, a cyano, a nitro and an amino which is free or substituted by one or two $(C_1$ -C₇)alkyls, said substituents being identical or different;
 - -(CH₂)_m-NR₁₄C(=W₁)NR₁₉R₂₀ in which m is zero or one, W₁ is an oxygen atom, R₁₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl and R₁₉ and R₂₀ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; R₂₀ can also be a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkylmethyl, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, a benzyl or a phenyl; or R₁₉ and R₂₀, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine and perhydroazepine;
 - $-(CH_2)_n$ -COOR₂₁ in which n is zero and R₂₁ is a (C_1-C_7) alkyl;

- $(CH_2)_n$ - $C(=W_1)NR_{19}R_{20}$ in which n is zero, W_1 is an oxygen atom and R_{19} and R_{20} are as defined above; and

-CN;

or X_1 does not form a double bond between the carbon atom to which it is bonded and the adjacent carbon atom of the piperidine ring;

or Ar_2 and X_1 , together with the carbon atom to which they are bonded, are other than a group of the formula

2/ when R_1 is hydrogen, R_2 is the methyl group, Ar_1 is the 3,4-dichlorophenyl group and T-A-Z is the thenoyl group, B is the group B_1 in which J_1 is the group

in which x is one, Ar_2 is the phenyl group and X_1 is other than hydrogen;

3/ when R_1 is hydrogen, R_2 is the methyl group, Ar_1 is the 3,4-dichlorophenyl group and T-A-Z is the 2,4-dichlorobenzoyl group, B is the group B_1 in which J_1 is the group

in which x is one, Ar_2 is the phenyl group and X_1 is other than hydrogen; or 4/ when R_1 and R_2 together form a group -(CH₂)₃-, Ar_1 is the 3,4-dichlorophenyl group and T-A-Z is the 2-(3-methoxyphenyl)acetyl group, B is the group B_1 in which J_1 is the group

in which x is one, Ar_2 is phenyl and X_1 is other than hydrogen; and its salts, where appropriate, with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 in which:

- Z is Z' and is:
 - . a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom; a trifluoromethyl; a cyano; a hydroxyl; a nitro; an amino which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by a (C_1-C_4) alkyl; a benzylamino; a carboxyl; a (C_1-C_{10}) alkyl; a (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted by a methyl; a (C_1-C_{10}) alkoxy; a (C_3-C_8) cycloalkoxy which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a methyl; a mercapto; a

 (C_1-C_{10}) alkylthio; a formyloxy; a (C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonyloxy; a formylamino; a (C_1-C_6) alkylcarbonylamino; a benzoylamino; a (C_1-C_4) alkoxycarbonyl; a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkoxycarbonyl; a carbamoyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted by a (C_1-C_4) alkyl; a ureido which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or disubstituted in the 3-position by a (C_1-C_4) alkyl or a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkyl; and a (C_1-C_4) alkyl or a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkyl; and a (C_1-C_4) alkyl or a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkyl; and a

- . a naphthyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a halogen, a trifluoromethyl, a (C_1-C_4) alkyl, a hydroxyl or a (C_1-C_4) alkoxy; or
- . a pyridyl; a thienyl; an indolyl; a quinolyl; a benzothienyl; or an imidazolyl;
- . Ar₁ is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- . R_1 and R_2 together form a group -(CH₂)₃- or -(CH₂)₄-; and
- . B, T and A are as defined for (I) in claim 1, and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 3. (Original): A compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 in which:

- Z is Z* and is a pyridyl, thiadiazolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, benzisothiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzoxazinyl, benzodioxinyl, isoxazolyl, benzopyranyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, furyl, pyranyl, chromenyl, isobenzofuranyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, indolizinyl, phthalazinyl, quinazolinyl, acridinyl, isothiazolyl, isochromanyl or chromanyl group, in which one or more double bonds can be hydrogenated, it being possible for said groups to be unsubstituted or optionally to contain one or more substituents such as an alkyl, phenyl, cyano, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyl, alkylcarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonyl or thioalkyl group, in which the alkyl and alkoxy groups are C₁-C₄;
- R₁ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃-;
- Ar₁ is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- T is a group -CO-;
- A is a direct bond; and
- B is as defined for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1, and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 4. (Currently amended): A compound of the formula according to one of claims 1 or claim 3 of the formula

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CH_2 & CH_2 \\ CH_2 & CH_2 \\ \hline B^{\bullet}\text{-}(CH_2)_3\text{-}C & CH_2 \\ \hline CI & CI \\ \end{array}$$

- Z' is as defined in claim 3; and
- B* is a group of the formula

in which J' is:

- i' - either a group of the structure

$$R_{19}$$
 $N-C$
 R_{20}
 N
 O

- W^{*} is a phenyl or a benzyl and R₁₉ and R₂₀ are as defined for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1 each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C7)alkyl; R₂₀ can also be a (C3-C7)cycloalkyl; a (C3-C7)cycloalkylmethyl; a hydroxyl; a (C1-C4)alkoxy; a benzyl; a phenyl; or a (C1-C7)alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl, a (C1-C3)alkoxy, a phenyl, a carboxyl, a (C1-C3)alkoxycarbonyl or a carbamoyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two (C1-C7)alkyls;
- or R_{19} and R_{20} , together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, perhydroazepine and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C_1-C_4) alkyl;
- or W^{*} is a group -NR₇₉R₈₀ in which R₇₉ and R₈₀ are as defined for (I) in claim 1 each independently a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- or R₇₉ and R₈₀, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine and perhydroazepine, and R₁₉ and R₂₀ are each hydrogen;
 - i" or a group of the structure

- R° is hydrogen, a methyl group, an acetyl group, a methoxycarbonyl group, a dimethylaminocarbonyl group or a methanesulfonyl group, and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 5. (Currently amended): A compound according to one of claims 1, 3 or 4 claim 4 of the formula

$$CH_2$$
 CH_2
 CH_2

in which:

- B* is as defined for a compound of formula (I*) in claim 4; and
- Z^{**} is a pyridyl, for example a 4-pyridyl, a 2-thienyl, a 3-thienyl, a 2-furyl or a 3-furyl, and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Currently amended): A compound according to elaim 1 or claim 2 of formula (I) in which simultaneously:

- B is a group B, in which:
 - . either W_3 is oxygen, R_{29} is a (C_1-C_4) alkyl or a trifluoromethyl and R_{28} is a (C_1-C_6) alkyl, especially an ethyl;
 - . or W₃ is oxygen, R₂₈ is an allyl or a cyclohexyl and R₂₉ is a methyl;
 - . or W₃ is oxygen, R₂₈ is an ethyl and R₂₉ is a methylamino or a dimethylamino;
 - . or W₃ is oxygen and R₂₈ and R₂₉ together form a 1,3-propylene, 1,4-butylene or cis,cis-1,4-butadienyl group;
 - . or W₃ is sulfur and R₂₈ and R₂₉ together form a 1,4-butylene group;
- R₁ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃- or -(CH₂)₄-;
- Ar, is a 3,4-diehlorophenyl;

- Z Z' as defined in claim 2; and
- T and A are as defined above for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1,
- T is a group -CH₂-; a group -CO-; a group -COO-; or a group -CONR₃- in which R₃ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- A is a direct bond; a group -(CH₂),-, in which t is one, two or three; or a vinylene group;
- or -T-A- is the group -SO₂-:

and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 8. (Currently amended): A compound according to elaim 1 or claim 2 of formula (1) in which simultaneously:

- B is B₄ in which: W₄ is 1-hydroxypropyl, 1-hydroxyethyl, 1-hydroxybutyl, 2-hydroxybut-2-yl, 4-hydroxyhept-4-yl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 1-hydroxyiminopropyl (syn or anti), 1-methoxyiminopropyl (syn or anti), 2-acetoxyethyl, 2-acetamidoethyl, carboxyl, ethoxycarbonyl or pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl;
- R₄ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃-or-(CH₂)₄-;
- Ar, is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- Z = Z' as defined in claim 2; and
- T and A are as defined above for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1,
- T is a group -CH₂-; a group -CO-; a group -COO-; or a group -CONR₃- in which R₃ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- A is a direct bond; a group -(CH₂),-, in which t is one, two or three; or a vinylene group;
- or -T-A- is the group -SO₂-:

and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 9. (Currently amended): A compound according to elaim 1 or claim 2 of formula (I) in which simultaneously:

- B is a group B₅ in which: W₇ is a hydroxyl, W₆ is a hydrogen and W₈ is a phenyl; or W₆ and W₇ are hydrogen and W₈ is selected from the following groups: 5-methyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl, 4-ethoxycarbonylimidazol-2-yl, 2-fluoropyrid-3-yl, 2-methylthiophenyl, 4-methylthiophenyl, 2-methylsulfinylphenyl, 4-methylsulfinylphenyl and 4-(N-methylcarbamoyl)phenyl; or W₇ is hydrogen and W₆ and W₈, together with the piperidine to which they are bonded, form a spiro[isobenzofuran-1(3H),4'-piperid]-1'-yl group or a 3-oxospiro[isobenzofuran-1(3H),4'-piperid]-1'-yl group;
- R₄ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₄- or -(CH₂)₄-;
- Ar, is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- Z = Z' as defined in claim 2; and
- T and A are as defined above for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1,
- T is a group -CH₂-; a group -CO-; a group -COO-; or a group -CONR₃- in which R₃ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;

- A is a direct bond; a group -(CH₂)₁-, in which t is one, two or three; or a vinylene group; - or -T-A- is the group -SO₂-;

and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 10. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 of formula (I) in which simultaneously:

- B is a group B₆ as defined in claim 1;
- R₁ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃- or -(CH₂)₄-;
- Ar₁ is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- Z = Z' as defined in claim 2; and
- T and A are as defined above for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1, and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 11. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 of formula (1) in which simultaneously:

- B is a group B₇ selected from:
 - a) a 1-methanesulfonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - b) a 1-benzyloxycarbonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - c) a spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - d) a 1-acetyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - e) a 1-propionyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - f) a 1-formyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - g) a 1-tert-butylcarbonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - h) a 1-methylaminocarbonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - i) a 1-ethoxycarbonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - j) a 1-ethanesulfonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - k) a 1-isopropanesulfonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - 1) a 1'-methyl-1-methanesulfonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperidinio-1') iodide
 - m) a 1-(2-aminoacetyl)-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - n) a 1-methyl-spiro(indol-2-one-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - o) a 2-methyl-spiro(isoindol-1-one-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - p) a spiro(2-oxotetrahydroquinoline-4-4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - q) a 1-methyl-spiro(2-oxotetrahydroquinoline-4,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - r) a spiro(2,3-dihydrobenzothiophene-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - s) a 5-fluoro-spiro(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - t) a spiro(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
 - u) a spiro(2,3-dihydrobenzothiophene-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl) 1-oxide
 - v) a spiro(2,3-dihydrobenzothiophene-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl) 1,1-dioxide
 - w) a 5-fluoro-1-methanesulfonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)

- x) a 1-methanesulfonyl-5-methoxy-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- y) a 1-methanesulfonyl-5-methyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- z) a 5-chloro-1-methanesulfonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- aa) a 7-fluoro-1-methanesulfonyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- ab) a 1-acetyl-5-fluoro-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- ac) a 1-acetyl-5-chloro-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- ad) a 1-acetyl-5-methyl-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- ae) a 1-acetyl-6-fluoro-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- af) a 1-acetyl-4-fluoro-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl)
- ag) a 1-(N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl)-spiro(indoline-3,4'-piperid-1'-yl);
- -R₄ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃-or -(CH₂)₄-;
- Ar, is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- Z Z' as defined in claim 2; and
- T and A are as defined above for (I) in claim-1;
- T is a group -CH₂-; a group -CO-; or a group -CONR₃- in which R₃ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- A is a direct bond; a group -(CH₂),-, in which t is one, two or three; or a vinylene group;
- or -T-A- is the group -SO₂-:

and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

- Claim 12. (Currently amended): A compound according to elaim 1 or claim 2 of formula (I) in which simultaneously:
- B is a group B_8 in which: W_{17} is a direct bond, W_{18} is an oxo or thioxo group, W_{19} is an oxy group or a group NH and W_{20} is an ethylene or trimethylene group;
- R₁ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃-or -(CH₂)₄-;
- -Ar₁ is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- Z = Z' as defined according to claim 2; and
- T and A are as defined above for (I) for claim 1,
- T is a group -CH₂-; a group -CO-; a group -COO-; or a group -CONR₃- in which R₃ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- A is a direct bond; a group -(CH₂),-, in which t is one, two or three; or a vinylene group;
- or -T-A- is the group -SO₂-:

and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

- Claim 13. (Currently amended): A compound according to elaim 1 or claim 2 of formula (I) in which simultaneously:
- B is a group B₉ in which: X₂ is a group -COOR₆₈ or a group -C(=W₂₄)NR₇₀R₇₁ and W₂₁, W₂₂ and W₂₃, together with the nitrogen atom, form a 2-oxopiperidino group or a 2-oxoperhydropyrimidin-1-yl group;

- R₄ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃- or -(CH₂)₄-;
- Ar, is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- -Z = Z' as defined in claim 2; and
- T and A are as defined above for (I) in claim 1,
- T is a group -CH₂-; a group -CO-; a group -COO-; or a group -CONR₃- in which R₃ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- A is a direct bond; a group -(CH₁),-, in which t is one, two or three; or a vinylene group;
- or -T-A- is the group -SO₂-:

and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 14. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 of formula (I) in which simultaneously:

- B is a group B₁₀ as defined in claim 1;
- R₁ and R₂ together form a group -(CH₂)₃- or -(CH₂)₄-;
- Ar₁ is a 3,4-dichlorophenyl;
- Z = Z' as defined in claim 2; and
- T and A are as defined above for (I) in claim 1, and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claims 15-21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22. (Currently amended): A compound according to elaim 1 or claim 2 of the formula

$$CH_2$$
— CH_2
 CH_2

in which:

- Ar'₁ is a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, a trifluoromethyl and a methylenedioxy, said substituents being identical or different;
- A' is a direct bond or a group -CH₂-;
- Z' is as defined above in claim 2; and
- B_c is a group B_{1c} of the formula

in which J_{1c} is a group

$$Ar_{2a}\text{-}(CH_2)_x\text{-}C \\ X_{1b}$$

- x is zero or one;
- Ar_{2a} is a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, a trifluoromethyl and a methylenedioxy, said substituents being identical or different; and
- X_{lb} is as defined for a compound of formula (I_b) in claim 19, a group selected from:
- . hydrogen;
- <u>(C1-C7)alkyl:</u>
- __. formyl:
- <u>.. (C₁-C₇)alkylcarbonyl:</u>
- __.-(CH₂)_m-OR₄;
- __.-(CH₂)_m-OCOR₅;
- <u>.-(CH₂)_m-OCONH-(C₁-C₇)alkyl;</u>
- <u>.-O-CH2CH2-OR6:</u>
- <u>--(CH₂)_n-SR₇:</u>
- _____.-CH₂-S(O);-(C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- <u>.-NR8R9:</u>
- _____(CH₂)_p-NR₁₀R₁₁:
- _.-NR₁₂COR₁₃;
- .-NR₁₄COCOR₁₅:
- _____(CH₂)_p-NR₁₄C(=W₁)R₁₆:
- _____(CH₂)_m-NR₁₄COOR₁₇:
- $-(CH_2)_m$ -NR₁₄C(=W₁)NR₁₉R₂₀:
- .-(CH₂)_n-COOR₂₁:
- $-.-(CH_2)_n-C(=W_1)NR_{19}R_{20}$:
- .-CO-NR₂₂-NR₂₃R₂₄:
- . -CN:

. or X_{1b} forms a double bond between the carbon atom to which it is bonded and the adjacent carbon atom of the piperidine ring,

in which groups:

- m is zero, one or two;
- n is zero or one:
- p is one or two;
- i is one or two;
- W₁ is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom;
- R₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl:
- R₅ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; or a pyridyl;
- R_6 is a hydrogen; a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; a formyl; or a (C_1-C_7) alkylcarbonyl;
- R_7 is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl;
- R_8 and R_9 are each independently a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; R_9 can also be a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkylmethyl, a benzyl or a phenyl;
- or R₈ and R₉, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, perhydroazepine and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- R_{10} and R_{11} are each independently a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; R_{11} can also be a (C_3-C_7) cycloalkylmethyl or a benzyl;
- R_{12} is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl:
- R₁₃ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; a benzyl; a vinyl; a pyridyl; a furyl; a thienyl; a pyrrolyl; or an imidazolyl;
- or R₁₂ and R₁₃ together are a group -(CH₂), in which u is three or four:
- R_{14} is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl;
- R_{15} is a (C_1-C_4) alkoxy:
- R₁₆ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; a (C₂-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; a benzyl; a vinyl; a pyridyl; a furyl; a thienyl; a pyrrolyl; or an imidazolyl;
- R₁₇ is a (C₁-C₇)alkyl or a phenyl;
- R₁₈ is a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; an amino which is free or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls; or a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₇)alkyl, a trifluoromethyl, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkoxy, a carboxyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkoxycarbonyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkylcarbonyloxy, a cyano, a nitro and an amino which is free or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls, said substituents being identical or different;

- R₁₉ and R₂₀ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; R₂₀ can also be a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkylmethyl; a hydroxyl; a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy; a benzyl; a phenyl; or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkoxy, a phenyl, a carboxyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkoxycarbonyl or a carbamoyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls;
- or R_{19} and R_{20} , together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thio-morpholine, perhydroazepine and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C_1-C_4) alkyl;
- R_{21} is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl:
- R₂₂ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
- R₂₃ and R₂₄ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl:
- R_{25} is a hydrogen or a (C_1 - C_7)alkyl; and
- R_{26} and R_{27} are each independently a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; R_{27} can also be a formyl or a (C_1-C_7) alkylcarbonyl,

and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claim 23. (Currently amended): A compound according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 22 claim 22 of the formula

$$CH_2$$
— CH_2
 CI
 CI

in which:

- B'c is a group B'1c of the formula

in which J'_{1c} is a group

- x is zero or one;
- Ar_{2a} is a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy, a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, a trifluoromethyl and a methylenedioxy, said substituents being identical or different; and



- X'_{1b} is a group selected from:
 - . (C_1-C_7) alkyl;
 - . -(CH₂)_m-OR₄ in which m is one or two and R₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl;
 - . -(CH₂)_m-OCOR₅ in which m is zero and R₅ is a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; or a pyridyl; and m is one or two and R₅ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; or a pyridyl;
 - . -(CH₂)_m-OCONH-(C₁-C₇)alkyl in which m is zero, one or two;
 - . -O-CH₂-CH₂-OR₆ in which R₆ is a hydrogen; a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; a formyl; or a (C₁-C₇)alkylcarbonyl;
 - . $-(CH_2)_n$ -SR₇ in which n is zero or one and R₇ is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl;
 - . -CH₂-S(O)_i-(C₁-C₇)alkyl in which j is one or two;
 - . -NR₈R₉ in which R₈ is a hydrogen or a $(C_1$ - C_7)alkyl and R₉ is a $(C_3$ - C_7)cycloalkylmethyl or a benzyl; or R₈ and R₉, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, thiomorpholine, perhydroazepine and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a $(C_1$ - C_4)alkyl;
 - . - $(CH_2)_p$ -NR₁₀R₁₁ in which p is one or two, R₁₀ is a hydrogen or a $(C_1$ -C₇)alkyl and R₁₁ is a hydrogen, a $(C_1$ -C₇)alkyl, a $(C_3$ -C₇)cycloalkylmethyl or a benzyl;
 - . -NR₁₂COR₁₃ in which R₁₂ is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl and R₁₃ is a (C_3-C_7) -cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; a benzyl; a vinyl; a pyridyl; a furyl; a thienyl; a pyrrolyl; or an imidazolyl; or R₁₂ and R₁₃ together form a group -(CH₂)_u in which u is three or four;
 - . -NR₁₄COCOR₁₅ in which R₁₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl and R₁₅ is a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy;
 - . $-(CH_2)_p$ -NR₁₄C(=W₁)R₁₆ in which p is one or two, W₁ is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom, R₁₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl and R₁₆ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more methyls; a phenyl; a benzyl; a vinyl; a pyridyl; a furyl; a thienyl; a pyrrolyl; or an imidazolyl;
 - . -(CH₂)_m-NR₁₄COOR₁₇ in which m is zero, one or two, R₁₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl and R₁₇ is a (C₁-C₇)alkyl or a phenyl;
 - . -(CH₂)_m-NR₁₄SO₂R₁₈ in which m is zero, one or two, R₁₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl and R₁₈ is a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; an amino which is free or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls; or a phenyl which is unsubstituted or monosubstituted or polysubstituted by a substituent selected from a halogen atom, a (C₁-C₇)alkyl, a trifluoromethyl, a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkoxy, a carboxyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkoxycarbonyl, a (C₁-C₇)alkylcarbonyloxy, a cyano, a nitro and an amino which is free or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls, said substituents being identical or different;

. -(CH₂)_m-NR₁₄C(=W₁)NR₁₉R₂₀ in which m is zero, one or two, W₁ is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom, R₁₄ is a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl and R₁₉ and R₂₀ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; R₂₀ can also be a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkylmethyl; a hydroxyl; a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy; a benzyl; a phenyl; or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkoxy, a phenyl, a carboxyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkoxycarbonyl or a carbamoyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls; or R₁₉ and R₂₀, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, perhydroazepine and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;

- . $-(CH_2)_n$ -COOR₂₁ in which n is one and R₂₁ is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl;
- . -(CH₂)_n-C(=W₁)NR₁₉R₂₀ in which n is zero or one, W₁ is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom and R₁₉ and R₂₀ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl; R₂₀ can also be a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl; a (C₃-C₇)cycloalkylmethyl; a hydroxyl; a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy; a benzyl; a phenyl; or a (C₁-C₇)alkyl substituted by a hydroxyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkoxy, a phenyl, a carboxyl, a (C₁-C₃)alkoxycarbonyl or a carbamoyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or two (C₁-C₇)alkyls; or R₁₉ and R₂₀, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, form a heterocycle selected from azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, thiomorpholine, perhydroazepine and piperazine which is unsubstituted or substituted in the 4-position by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- . -CO-NR₂₂-NR₂₃R₂₄ in which R₂₂ is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl and R₂₃ and R₂₄ are each independently a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl;

$$R_{25}$$
 $N_{NR_{26}R_{27}}$;

in which R_{25} is a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl and R_{26} and R_{27} are each independently a hydrogen or a (C_1-C_7) alkyl; R_{27} can also be a formyl or a (C_1-C_7) alkylcarbonyl; and

and its salts with mineral or organic acids.

Claims 24 and 25 (Cancelled)

Claim 26. (Original): Method of preparing a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 and its salts, characterized in that:

1) a compound of the formula

$$\begin{array}{cccc} R_1 & R_2 \\ & & | & \\ E\text{-O-(CH}_2)_3\text{-C-CH}_2\text{-NH} & & (II) \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ \end{array}$$

in which Ar_1 , R_1 and R_2 are as defined for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1 and E is hydrogen or an O-protecting group, is treated:

- either with a halogenated derivative of the formula

in which Hal is a halogen atom, preferably bromine, and A and Z are as defined for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1, when it is desired to prepare a compound of formula (I) in which T is a group -CH₂-;

- or with a functional derivative of an acid of the formula

in which A and Z are as defined above, when it is desired to prepare a compound of formula (I) in which T is a group -CO-;

- or with a chloroformate of the formula

in which A and Z are as defined above, when it is desired to prepare a compound of formula (I) in which T is group -COO-;

- or with an isocyanate of the formula

$$O=C=N-A-Z$$
 (IIIc)

in which A and Z are as defined above, when it is desired to prepare a compound of formula (I) in which T is a group -CO-NR₃- in which R₃ is hydrogen;

- or with a carbamoyl chloride of the formula

in which A and Z are as defined above and R'_3 is a (C_1-C_4) alkyl, when it is desired to prepare a compound of formula (I) in which T is -CONR₃- in which R_3 is a (C_1-C_4) alkyl;

- or with a sulfonyl chloride of the formula

in which Z is as defined above, when it is desired to prepare a compound of formula (I) in which -T-A- is a group -SO₂-,

to give a compound of the formula

$$E-O-(CH2)3-C-CH2-N-T-A-Z (IV)$$

$$Ar1$$

2) the O-protecting group, if present, is removed from the compound of formula (IV), by reaction with an acid or a base, to give the alcohol of the formula

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R_1 & R_2 \\ \mid & \mid \\ \text{HO-(CH}_2)_3\text{-C-CH}_2\text{-N-T-A-Z} & \text{(V)} \\ & Ar_1 & \end{array}$$

3) the alcohol (V) is treated with a compound of the formula G-SO₂-Cl (VI)

in which G is a methyl, phenyl, tolyl or trifluoromethyl group, to give a compound of the formula

4) the compound (VII) is reacted:

- either with a cyclic secondary amine of the formula

in which J'₁ is:

in which Ar_2 and x are as defined for (I) in claim 1 and X'_1 is either X_1 as defined for (I), or a precursor of X_1 , it being understood that when X'_1 contains a hydroxyl group or an amino group, these groups can be protected;

in which Ar₂ is as defined for (I) in claim 1;

in which Ar₂ is as defined for (I) in claim 1;

in which Ar₂ is as defined for (I) in claim 1;

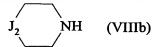
* or a group
$$Ar_2$$
-C-CH- $| | |$ N-O-(CH₂)_r-Am

in which Ar₂, Am₁ and r are as defined for (I) in claim 1;

* or a group
$$Ar_2$$
- W_2 - CH -

in which Ar₂ and W₂ are as defined for (I) in claim 1;

- or with a cyclic secondary amine of the formula



in which J₂ is as defined above for (I) in claim 1;

- or with a cyclic secondary amine of the formula



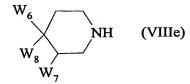
in which J₃ is as defined above for (I) in claim 1;

- or with a cyclic secondary amine of the formula

$$W_4$$
 NH (VIIId)

in which W₄ is as defined above for (I) in claim 1;

- or with a cyclic secondary amine of the formula

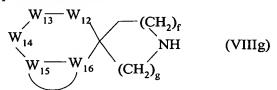


in which W₆, W₇ and W₈ are as defined above for (I) in claim 1;

- or with a cyclic secondary amine of the formula

in which J_4 is as defined above for (I) in claim 1;

- or with a compound of the formula



in which f, g, W_{12} , W_{13} , W_{14} , W_{15} and W_{16} are as defined above for (I) in claim 1;

- or with a cyclic secondary amine of the formula

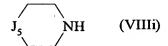
$$W_{17} \longrightarrow W_{18}$$

$$W_{19} \longrightarrow W_{20}$$

$$NH \quad (VIIIh)$$

in which W₁₇, W₁₈, W₁₉ and W₂₀ are as defined above for (I) in claim 1;

- or with a cyclic secondary amine of the formula



in which J₅ is as defined above for (I) in claim 1;

- or a cyclic secondary amine of the formula

in which J'₆ is a group

in which W_{25} is as defined above for (I) and X'_1 is X_1 as defined for (I) in claim 1, or a precursor of X_1 , it being understood that when X'_1 contains a hydroxyl group or an amino group, these groups can be protected; and

5) after deprotection of the hydroxyl groups or amino groups, if appropriate, or conversion of X'_1 to X_1 , if appropriate, the resulting product is optionally converted to one of its salts with a mineral or organic acid.

Claims 27 and 28 (Cancelled)

Claim 29. (Original): An enantiomer of a compound according to claim 1 of the formula

- "*" denotes that the carbon atom carrying this label has the determined (+) or (-) absolute configuration; and
- R₁, R₂, Ar₁, T, A, Z and B are as defined for the compounds of formula (I) in claim 1, and its salts with mineral or organic acids, and their solvates.
- Claim 30. (Currently amended): Pharmaceutical A pharmaceutical composition comprising, as the active principle, a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 24 or 29 claim 1 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates.
- Claim 31. (Currently amended): Pharmaceutical A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 30 in the form of a dosage unit in which the active principle is mixed with at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

Claim 32. (Currently amended): Pharmaceutical A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 31 containing 0.5 to 1000 mg of active principle.

Claim 33. (Currently amended): Pharmaceutical A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 32 containing 2.5 to 250 mg of active principle.